

AERONAUTICAL JUNIOR COLLEGE FOR ALONDRA PARK AREA DISCUSSED

A junior college serving Torrance and nine other cities and towns with a population of 200,000 or more, located in a central tract of 320 acres, specializing in aeronautics—with a mile-long airfield serving both the college and the communities involved—built with Federal aid at a cost to the taxpayers of but a few cents on the one hundred dollar assessed valuation.

This is a dream-about-to-come true which will be laid before representatives of the cities and school districts involved at a meeting to be held in Torrance City Hall on Friday, June 30, at 8 o'clock.

Vitality interested in and backing the plan with their full support are representatives of chambers of commerce, school districts, city governments, high schools and other organizations from Torrance, Lomita, Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Inglewood, Hawthorne, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Gardena and El Segundo. They will be in attendance at the session in Torrance.

While every city involved has the interests of its students at heart, and all have agreed on the central location involved, the idea has been fostered and fathered by Torrance's own Mayor William H. Tolson.

Gigantic Program
In the gigantic program are the following steps to be discussed on June 30:

1. Formation of a junior college district, involving divorcement of communities now in the Los Angeles junior college district from that system. Torrance is one of them.
2. Secure the release from the County Board of Supervisors of the vast 320-acre Alondra park, in the very center of the communities involved, bordered by Redondo Beach boulevard on the south, Crenshaw boulevard on the east, Manhattan boulevard on the north and Prairie avenue on the west.
3. Bring about federal aid in construction of buildings and the airport involved in the big plan, based solely on the emergency condition existing which deprives high school graduates of the various communities of the right to junior college training by virtue of the lack of facilities in this district.

Rich District
An assessed valuation of \$150,000,000 is involved in the proposed district, so the tax rate for the local junior college district would be much lower, probably, than now is being paid to the Los Angeles district.

It was pointed out by Mayor Tolson that the only junior colleges to which students of the communities in the area can go are at Compton or Los Angeles.

Establishment of the college at Alondra park would mean that none of the students would have to travel more than six miles to go to school. This would bring an end to the isolation which has kept hundreds of boys and girls from going on with their education after graduation from high school.

"Let's get started with this program now," Mayor Tolson said. "There is no use waiting. We need the school, we have no other means of realizing it but to form our own district and build our own college while money is at hand."

Air-Minded Nation
"This war has made our nation air-minded. Our youth will be air-minded more than ever as time goes on. Aviation will be the most important thing in their minds."

"Now is the time to plan to develop aviation educational programs."

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Red Cross May Occupy Building Of Chamber

Torrance Chamber of Commerce will not occupy its building, now being vacated by the Civilian Defense unit here, but prefers to turn it over to the American Red Cross branch for the duration, Executive Secretary Harry Lewis informed Mayor William H. Tolson yesterday.

The chamber vacated the building in favor of the Civilian Defense unit and Lewis said that he wants the structure to serve its best purpose for the balance of the war. He suggested that the Red Cross or some other like organization be allowed to occupy the structure.

Mayor Tolson, at his suggestion, stated that it will submit to the Civilian Defense unit the proposition that the structure be turned over to the Red Cross, as that organization has asked for it.

He also suggested that a suitable emblem be erected on the structure to indicate it as the official headquarters of the Red Cross.

HE GAVE ALL



KILLED IN ACTION . . . Torrance mournfully adds another gold star to its service flag. Word of the death of Francis William Dietlin, torpedoman's mate 3 c, was received Tuesday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Dietlin, of 2202 Arlington ave.

Francis William Dietlin enlisted in the United States Navy in September of 1942. Twenty-one years of age, he was born in Torrance and attended Torrance High school. He was well known throughout the community and worked as a pressman for the Automatic Printing Company before going into the Navy.

A brother, Eddie Dietlin, is serving in the Navy, and a second brother, Bill, who formerly worked at the Torrance Herald, and a sister, Rosalie, also survive.

Word of the manner of his death and the date and location of the action in which it occurred are being withheld, at the request of the Navy department, which sent the official word to the parents Tuesday.

99 Pupils are Graduating from Torrance School

Ninety-nine pupils of Torrance Elementary school were to be graduated at exercises at 2 p.m. today in the school auditorium.

The exercises featured the theme, "Our Neighbors to the South," and opened with the class procession.

Donald Stevenson, class president, welcomed parents and friends, and songs by the A-6 class were led by Mrs. Irah Jean Applegate, the A-6 teacher.

A Latin-American flag drill was conducted, and a South American visit and fashion show were a part of the program. A Mexican fiesta was presented, including the numbers "La Cucaracha," "Las Chianecas," a clap dance; "Los Viejos," a dance of the old men; "El Jarabe," Mexican ball dance.

The A-6 chorus presented "The Pretty Girl and the Shoemaker." Presentation of members of the A-6 class was by Mrs. Applegate; a message from Principal B. J. Strand followed, and "The Spar-Spangled Banner" by the A-6 class closed the program.

Class officers were: President, Donald Stevenson; vice president, Betty June Floyd.

Faculty sponsors were: Irah Jean Applegate, A-6 teacher; Helen Lerman, A-6 teacher; Norma Look, music director; Bernhard J. Strand, principal.

Graduates were: Gary Abrahamson, Frank Allen, David Baker, Nadine Bales, James Baskett, Fred Bingham, Charles Blackburn, Manuel Barrera, Darlene Brannister, Jimmie Bray, Patsy Brown, John Bruhanski, Wanda Busick, Virginia Camou, Terry Campbell, Gloria Chase, Richard Clark, Norman Cline, Monty Ray Cloward, Elizabeth Coles, Wesley Counts, Geneva Craner, Ronald Dilks, Donna Dinsmore, Barbara Dorn, Miguel Duarte, Darold Duncan, Harold Duncan, Twila Duncan, Gilbert Duran, Wanda Ellingsworth, Oscar Escobar, Donald Fetherolf, John Fletcher, Rudy Flores, Betty Floyd, Helen Fortin, Peter Furguel, Dale Garrison, James Gates, Thomas Giatras, Patty Griffin, Ada Hansen, David Helge, Beatrice

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Manufacturer Of Auto Parts Seeks Location

Torrance has received inquiries regarding the establishment on the west coast of a new manufacturing plant, and it happens that the president of the company is an old friend of Harry Lewis, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, who is supplying the firm with information needed in the selection of a site.

Making plans for the west coast plant, at the termination of the war, is the AP Parts Corporation of Toledo. R. G. Rule, president, is making the inquiry, and Secretary Lewis was well acquainted with him when Lewis was operating the Williams Aircraft company.

"Our board of directors have included in their post-war planning full recognition of the large volume of business now being done and of the ever-increasing potential for our product on the Pacific coast. We want to give automobile owners every advantage possible in the economies of west coast manufacturing," said Mr. Rule.

In a communication received by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Rule stated that the location of the new manufacturing facilities has not been decided upon as yet, but that the corporation officials have in mind centrally locating the plant to best serve the 11 western states. A brief prepared by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce pointed out the advantages of this area and the possibilities of exporting to Latin-America and the Orient. This brief is now being studied by the AP Parts Corporation and definite action will not be taken until they have had an opportunity to measure the benefits to be derived from locating in this city.

The AP Parts Corporation and subsidiary have for 35 years manufactured exclusively mufflers, tail and exhaust pipes for cars, trucks, tractors and buses. Only during the present war period have they deviated by fulfilling numerous war work contracts for the armed forces.

As soon as restriction on manpower, building materials and machinery are lifted, the company will complete their plans for manufacturing their products in the Pacific coast area.

187 Donate Blood At Visit of Red Cross Unit Here

Three persons joined the gallon club and 187 donated a pint of blood at the visit Friday of the American Red Cross mobile unit No. 4 to Torrance branch headquarters set up in the Torrance civic auditorium.

The gallon club members are Jennie Beck, Alice Henderson and Herbert Barber.

The next blood bank day will be Friday, July 7, from 2 to 6 p.m., and a large unit of 400 donors is anticipated, according to Mrs. Lola Hoover, local branch chairman.

TORRANCE FIFTH WAR LOAN DRIVE SALES TOTAL \$206,800

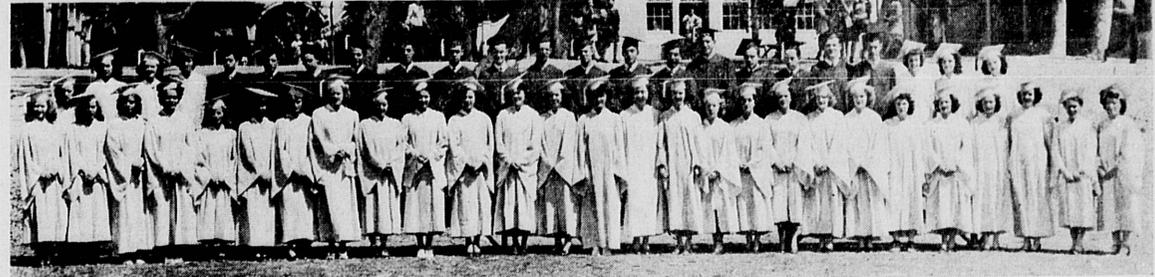
Torrance Fifth War Loan drive bond sales have reached a total of \$206,800, figures from the Bank of America, Torrance National Bank, Grand Theatre and Postmaster C. Earl Comer revealed today.

With but ten days to go in the drive, new efforts were being put forth to put the drive over the top.

Some payroll deductions are included in the total, but many large firms are not yet reported. Now are there any big bond purchases, although some are in the office.

Boy Scouts are doing a grand job on the drive, it was reported.

With the whole southland lagging somewhat on the Fifth War Loan drive, Hillman Lee, chairman, called for renewed efforts on the part of Torrance.



TORRANCE HIGH GRADUATES . . . Commencement exercises are being held tonight for 54 graduates of Torrance high school, pictured below.

FRONT ROW, left to right: Maxine Lytle, Georgia Newland, Naida Mitchell, Betty Jane Yarborough, Kay Cunningham, Mary Gunn, Beverly Kelly, Jean Lancaster, Doris Armitage, Norma Hammond, Phyllis McVicar, Jean Clark, Doreen Livermore, Alice Whittington, Marjorie Chambers, Carolyn Mitchell, Annabelle Voien, Katherine Turner, Pat Hall, Inez Kvilvang, Cubie Bohannon.

BACK ROW, left to right: Beverly Holmes, Betty West, Lucy Rose, Jane Paxton, Charles Sutton, Jack Morrison, Dale Harris, Tommy Nuckles, Melvin Miller, Wallace Prier, James Johnston, Homer Bullard, Jim Post, Bob Leech, John Agapito, Paul Pierson, Bill Lafferty, George Harding, Earl Barnett, Oliver Thayer, Rossie McLeod, Jean Sommers and Winona Ely.

COMMUNITY SUPPORTS RECREATION

Fine response has been received from the letter sent out by Councilman C. M. Gilbert, chairman of the Recreation Commission of the City of Torrance asking for general support for the recreation commission's program to be submitted to the federal government for financial aid under the Lanham act.

Support under this act is available for recreation, fire protection and hospital programs, it is said.

Gilbert said in his letter to Torrance leaders: "The Torrance Recreation Commission is approaching the federal government for funds to develop adequate adult and young people's recreational facilities in the area."

"We are of the opinion that it is to the best interest of your office that your employees should have adequate recreational facilities."

"The Recreation Commission has prepared recommendations which we have been assured the federal government will approve, providing there is sufficient community backing of our plans."

"We are desirous of you writing a letter supporting the general idea. Would you be so kind as to cooperate in this community project? A letter addressed to the commission will suffice."

Doak Aircraft Entertains at Family Day

Doak Aircraft Company played host last Sunday to the families of the men and women who are helping to beat Herr Hitler and Tojo at the local plant.

To eyes which had never been inside the modern Doak Aircraft plant, a miracle was being performed. Guided through the entire plant through roped aisles, they saw everything from five-ton drop hammers to precision instruments creating minute parts to the thousands of an inch.

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Warning that war bond buying must be increased if the southland is to meet its quota, Robert H. Moulton, Treasury War Finance Committee chair-

Torrance Herald News Travels Over Sea, Back

News in the Torrance Herald travels half-way across the world and back again, and as a result a new subscriber is gained in Lynwood.

Jimmy Snyder, gunner's mate, 2/c, serving with naval forces in the South Pacific, wrote to his wife, Isabelle, now living in Lynwood, remarking about a local event of which he had read in the Torrance Herald.

So surprised was she that she had not heard of the event while living at home that she ordered the paper sent to Mr. and Mrs. James B. Russell, her parents, with whom she is now living.

Snyder is the son of Mrs. Ida Snyder of 2117a Cabrillo ave., and incidentally is expected home soon on a furlough. He receives the Torrance Herald regularly, keeping up on local events.

ELEMENTARY PUPILS ARE TRANSFERRED

Relief for Torrance Elementary school's crowded condition for the next semester is in sight as a result of the decision to send some students to the 184th Street school, according to B. J. Strand, principal.

"The elementary school boundary has been changed so that the new area at 204th st. and Western ave. now is assigned to the 184th Street school," Strand said. "This means that all elementary children up to and including the sixth grade will attend the other school effective Sept. 5, 1944."

National Supply Is Commended By Navy Dept.

With extra significance added due to the opening of the European invasion, men and women of National Supply Company are proud of the message, "Well and smartly done," received from Rear Admiral E. L. Cochran, Chief of the Bureau of Ships, U. S. Navy, commending the employees on their efforts in building landing craft.

J. R. Defrees, Rear Admiral, U.S.N., also expressed his appreciation for National's cooperation and efforts.

Roasting Ears on June 21, Claim Of Firemen

Roasting ears on June 21, Platoon B of Torrance Fire department claims this record and the firemen had it for dinner on Wednesday night.

They grew it in their own Platoon B victory garden, adjacent to the fire department. The corn tasted good, they said, and they exclude other firemen from credit. It is Platoon B's garden.

TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING 54 SENIORS IN IMPRESSIVE RITES AT SCHOOL AUDITORIUM TONIGHT AT 8:00 O'CLOCK

By OLIVER THAYER

Presentation of 54 diplomas to graduating seniors by Principal Harold E. Perry and Vice Principal Elizabeth Parks will climax an appropriate graduation ceremony this evening before an audience of parents and friends at 8:00 o'clock in the Torrance High school auditorium.

Maynard Toll, Board of Education member, will assist.

Robed in cap and gown, fitting the formal occasion, graduates will make their entrance to the strains of Sir Edward Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance" march, girls dressed in white, boys in navy blue. The "Recessional" by Reginald Koven, as sung by Norma Hammond, Phyllis McVicar and Katherine Turner, will follow the procession, with the invocation offered by the Reverend Paul Wheeler, rector of the Episcopal church. "Work" and aspects thereof will be the motif of short speeches to be given by graduates during the exercises.

Special Awards
Seniors who have qualified for special awards during their academic program will be cited for their achievements before spectators in honorary recognition. The Ephesian membership, given to students who have been outstanding in scholarship, leadership and service, will be awarded to Marjorie Chambers, Jean Lancaster and Paul Pierson. Honoring two students who have served their school without due recognition is the George Arakawa Cup award, left by a Nisei graduate, Robert Leech and Doreen Livermore will receive this award. Life scholarship membership is extended to pupils who have maintained exceptionally high standards in scholarship during their school careers. Jean Lancaster, Norma Levy, Doreen Livermore, Paul Pierson and Oliver Thayer will receive gold seals signifying their achievement on their diplomas and scholarship pins. The Danforth Award, given for conspicuous service to the school and good scholarship will be given to student body president Thomas Nuckles. The Bausch and Lomb science award will be presented to Paul Pierson for his scientific progress in school. Other awards include perfect attendance certificates, which will be given to Lucy Rose and Paul Pierson; also the "A" Citizenship award for perfect citizenship during the past semester. Those receiving this honor will be: Cubie Bohannon, Inez Kvilvang, Doris Armitage, Homer Bullard, Lucy Rose, Jacqueline Davis, Betty Yarborough, Maxine Lytle, John Agapito, Marjorie Chambers, Beverly Holmes, Georgia Newland, Naida Mitchell, Thomas Nuckles, Paul Pierson and Helen Erickson.

In honor and recognition of graduating seniors, a vesper baccalaureate service was presented last Sunday, June 18, at 8 o'clock.

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Mrs. Lovina Porter Dies in Home of Daughter in East

Mrs. Lovina M. Porter, 72, of 1319 Arlington ave., widow of the late Rev. Frank T. Porter, died Wednesday evening in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lorine I. Nash, in Peoria, Ill., whom she had been visiting for the past several weeks.

She is survived by Mrs. Nash; another daughter, Mrs. Pauline Hostetler of Santa Ana, and a son, M. F. Porter of Pomona. The remains are being shipped to Stone & Myers, where services will be arranged.

11 ARRESTED GAMBLING IN TORRANCE

They play all night in Gardena card rooms and then continue it in Torrance into the bright morning hours.

Only the law doesn't stand for it here. The result is that J. A. Brazil, Redondo Beach, is charged with operating a gambling house and 11 others are accused of gambling growing out of a raid Sunday morning on a big house at 171st st. and Yukon ave. The others arrested are: F. H. Primm, Redondo; M. R. Wysocki, Wilmington; A. A. Sheridan, M. A. Walzer, Otis A. Evans and H. C. Hazlett, all of Los Angeles; H. E. Kinney and Sterling Kinney of Long Beach; Fred Higgins of Lennox; Joan Jones, Torrance; and Joyce Allen, Inglewood.

Chief of Police John Stroh and Capt. Frank J. Schumacher conducted the raid. The chief said that the house had been operated before and closed down but that the Sunday raid put a stop to it all.

Each player posted \$15 bail and Brazil \$50 for appearance Saturday morning before City Judge Otto Willett.

WORK STARTS ON BUILDING AT NATIONAL

Work has been started on a new addition to the Plancor building at the National Supply Company plant in Torrance. The new annex, which will be 45 feet by 140 feet, will provide more space for increased production demands and more efficient operation, according to executives of the company. Completion of the new building will be approximately Aug. 15.

The construction work is under the direction of R. E. Payne, supervising engineer, and when completed will be the property of the Defense Plant Corporation and will be operated by the National Supply Company.

Another Air Corps Advancement for Major Keefer

Mayor William E. "Bill" Keefer has been advanced to group operations officer with the 155th Bomb Group headquarters in Italy, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Keefer, 2259 Torrance blvd.

He formerly was a squadron commander and his latest advancement is in continuation of a rapid rise in his army air corps work since he first entered the service a bare three years ago as an aviation cadet.

The Torrance High school graduate, class of '37, is on his second assignment abroad and was home about six months ago on furlough.

ATTEND MEETING
Attending the Lomita-San Pedro 10th District P.T.A. Council meeting on Friday at San Pedro from Torrance Elementary school were the following: Mrs. W. E. Bowen, Mrs. Ralph Perry, Mrs. Tom Davis, Mrs. Don Wolf, Mrs. John Spiller.